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## LGMB claims presidency in US

Val Colden,

Toike Investigative Team

Washington DC, November 25, 2000, 9:11 am - After the confusion over who would be the next American president entered its third week, martial law was briefly declared, and George W. Bush named himself as the next president. But while attempting to move his belongings into the White House, Bush was confronted by a loud and apparently drunk group who identified themselves as the Lady Godiva Memorial Bnad. He attempted to call White House security, only to discover that since the declaration of martial law, the rambunctious troupe had created their own Bnad's Fucking Csecuritee. To add injury to insult, the bnad proceeded to serenade Bush with their rendition of Louie Louie, causing his eardrums to rupture.

The LGMB were able, even in their drunken state (DC), to organize and conduct a press conference. At

this conference it was revealed that the Bnad arranged for the controversial "butterfly ballot" to be used in Florida, and thus confuse the simple-minded voters there. They had intended to immediately claim the presidency after it was discovered that the vote count was inconclusive, but they hesitated, instead partaking in a post-midterm bender in their newly-acquired country of Greenland. By the time they had reasonably sobered, the United States of America became the Divided States of No Known Leader, and the declaration of martial law had the effect of actually bringing more order to the country, compared to the chaos of re-re-recounting the votes. The bnad had to act fast, so they quickly staggered in and took the presidency as they had previously planned.

When asked what their next target would be, the LGMB was secretive. They muttered incoherently among themselves,



The motley crew trying a new number. Chariots of Fire (file photo)

then finally revealed that they were going to press Northwards, back into Toronto, and take over the Nathan Philips Square skating rink and the Peel Pub (not necessarily in that order). One member said that they would then move into Alaska, but another member corrected him, saying "there's nothing up there anyway, why bother?" Having completed their press conference, the bnad did a troop move of a few units back to Greenland, took their card, and passed the dice.

### Shocking new study!

### Exams are health nightmare

Danny Sundararajan,

Toike Investigative Team

In a recent health study, a group of researchers has come to the conclusion that exams are unhealthy for engineers' health. During a typical exam schedule, engineers' health deteriorates. Not only is the combination of little sleep and too much stress unhealthy, but also shown to be a contributing factor is the huge amounts of caffeine ingested.

This reporter wanted to learn more, so he headed to the office of the head of the study for comment. Doctor Foolish had this to say. "I really don't understand why this occurs, when I was an undergrad: I never had stress during exams." Doctor Foolish also related something else. "While this does occur during the time of exams, there is also another troubling time, which we call the day of the last exam, where there is a huge consumption of alcohol within a short amount of time. I just don't understand, after a time of so little sleep, I know I would sleep, why don't engineers do that?"

This reporter was about to attempt to explain to the doctor the reason

when this reporter looked at the doctor's degree and saw that his undergrad came from the Faculty of Arts & Science. Knowing that there was no point then, this reporter made ready to leave when Doctor Foolish related an anecdote, "I once went up to a doctor in my practice who had a leather jacket on with the words Skule™ printed on them. Remembering my investigations of engineers, I remembered that that was their code word. When I got closer the jacket had Eng Sci on its sleeve. I asked my colleague if he could explain my findings to me. He read the report, smiled, tapped his ring (possibly made of steel or something) on his finger, and walked away laughing. Do you know why he would do that?" Doctor Foolish finished recounting his story and then asked, "Why are you laughing too, what's with you engineers?" This reporter promptly left the good Doctor's office in mirth.

Seriously readers, while exams are hell, don't kill yourself over them (otherwise how will you be able to enjoy the future issues of the Toike!).

### Down with Santa! Hooray for Elves!

Elf S. Independent Columnist

Around this time of year, the good Gentile girls and boys expect a visit from Santa Claus to give them all sorts of toys and presents. Santa, the "jolly old soul" who delivers toys to near and far, has the respect of millions of people worldwide for bringing joy and cheer. I think it is time for the truth to be known! Santa is *entirely undeserving* of such respect, and we, the Elves Requiring True Words to be spoken, demand that you stop this mindless worship.

Santa Claus (or Heavy C as he likes us to call him) is largely in the public spotlight nowadays. He's often seen in malls, storefronts, parades, Canadian Tire commercials, etc. With all these public appearances, when do you think he makes all the toys that you whine and make insane promises for? Simple: *he doesn't*. While he's out getting all the glory, the true workers are back at the North Pole slaving away. Why is that? He can't do the work himself. Brace yourself for a shock: Santa is an Arts and



Sciences graduate! He lacks both the skills and knowledge necessary to make even basic toys such as the rubber ball. So he hires all of us underprivileged elves, possessors of Engineering degrees but unable to find work due to the migration of jobs Southward *where else will they go from the North Pole?* -Ed.). for a pittance to do all the work. I mean, look at your average Artsie off the street. Do you think they have any idea how a Slinky works, much less how to make one? Santa is no better off.

It's time to give credit where credit is due! Down with Heavy C! Boycott his parades! Ignore his photo sessions! Demand to see the real heroes of this holiday time!

# Holiday Procrastination

## Favourite Holiday Songs of People Around Eng Soc

A random selection of students around Eng Soc and the Atrium were polled, and gave us their favourite festive tunes:

"My personal favourite has to be 'I Saw Three Ships'."

-Mark Ford,

former Concrete Canoeist

"It's all about *sic* the 'Good King Wenceslas'. Did you know that the tune for that can be used with the words to Godiva's Hymn? Pretty fucked up, eh? And the tune from Blues Traveller's 'Hook' sounds exactly like Canon in D."

-Adam Walker

LGMB junior leedur

"I'd have to say 'Here we go a wassailing' is my favourite. Wassailing means drinking, right? Man, I could go for a drink. Anyone else? Anyone?"

-Ken McNeil, aspiring Suds

co-manager

"It's not really a holiday song, but I've been greatly inspired by Counting Crows' 'I've been Hanging Around'."

-Chris Davis, member,  
Skule™ rock-climbing club



"What conference?"

-What's-her-face,

some officer or something

"Nothing says 'festive' like the 1812 Overture."

-Dave Wright,

former Chief Attillator

"Whenever I hear my Commodore 64 play strains of 'Silent Night' on its all-powerful SID chip, it brings a tear to my eye."

-Matt Parker,

Eng Com System Administrator

"It's my dirty little secret that my favourite song is 'White Christmas'. If you tell anyone I'll kill you."

-Matt 'darklord' Lenner

"Anything beats the silence I've had to work through. Whoever stole the speakers from Eng Com is gonna pay!"

-Dave Perry,

Toike editor (and not bitter)



## Engineering Students defective?

Toike Investigative Team

A situation recently arose at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Engineering. The administration is forcing a recall on all students by Thursday, January 4th. According to several staff members, it appears that several, if not all students are defective.

"What can we say? We've been examining some students and it seems that they're not performing up to par with our standards. They're obviously not functioning correctly, they must be defective," said Professor Meeches.

Administration agrees: "By calling the students back on the Thursday, we are effectively cutting their vacation by a whopping four days, now that's efficiency!", said Gordon Ross, a U of T executive. "We looked at our alternatives, and we've thought long and hard about the students schedule. After tiring

minutes of deliberation all the board members were in agreement. Starting school on a Thursday and ending on a Wednesday just makes sense."

All students are expected to return to school at 9 am, Thursday, January 4th, 2000 where the faculty will proceed with the following schedule:

9:00 am: Line up inside Sanford Fleming

10:00 am: Speeches by the heads of the faculty

11:00 am: Hard kicks to the posterior for each student (given by staff)

12:00 pm: Departmental Lunches

1:00 pm: Congratulatory Speeches

2:00 pm: Second round of kicks

3:00 pm: Pop quizzes

We hope that all students adhere to the regulations of the Faculty.

## The Twelve Days of

by Susan Hogle

On the ~~FIRST~~ day of exams my professors gave to me, an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~SECOND~~ day of exams my professors gave to me,

two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~THIRD~~ day of exams my professors gave to me, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~FOURTH~~ day of exams my professors gave to me,

four delta epsilons, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~FIFTH~~ day of exams my professors gave to me, five sleepless nights!!! Four delta epsilons, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~SIXTH~~ day of exams my professors gave to me, six minutes remaining, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilons, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~SEVENTH~~ day of exams my professors gave to me,

seven unsolved equations, six minutes left, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilons, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an ~~F~~ in ~~PHYS180~~.

On the ~~EIGHTH~~ day of exams my professors gave to me, eight unknown values, seven unsolved equations, six

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# Extravaganza!

## Exams

minutes left, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilon, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an F in PHY180.

On the NINTH day of exams my professors gave to me nine eigenvectors, eight unknown values, seven unsolved equations, six minutes remaining, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilon, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an F in PHY180.

On the TENTH day of exams my professors gave to me, ten recursive functions, nine eigenvectors, eight unknown values, seven unsolved equations, six minutes remaining, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilon, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an F in PHY180.

On the ELEVENTH day of exams my professors gave to me, eleven full strength aspirin, ten recursive functions, nine eigenvectors, eight unknown values, seven unsolved equations, six minutes remaining, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilon, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an F in PHY180.

On the TWELFTH day of exams my professors gave to me, twelve differentials, eleven full strength aspirin, ten recursive functions, nine eigenvectors, eight unknown values, seven unsolved equations, six minutes remaining, five sleepless nights! Four delta epsilon, three cups of coffee, two failed bridges, and an F in PHY180.

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### Holiday Programming Schedule

Get ready for another fantastic year of holiday television viewing. It is the time of the season for corporations to remind us just how much we need them through the sponsoring of holiday television programs. The Toke has compiled the following list of holiday specials that you shouldn't miss.

**Martha Stewart's Christmas Special** From the Diva of the home comes the newest in her series of Christmas specials. Building on last year lesson of killing turkeys for the holidays, this year we will learn how to clean and gut them. Miss Piggy is guaranteed to make an appearance and hit on some guy who is way out of her league. Also, look for the long line of drunken celebrities. Last year was Dennis Franz (NYPD Blue) who talked for over seven minutes on the benefits of "wassailing". CBS Dec. 12 - 18:00 EST

This year it's Carlos Santana. As in all of his appearances of late, Carlos Santana will also have a mystery guest. This time it's Rob Thomas from Matchbox Twenty. This evening will be fun for all. The semantics of the guest-within-a-guest problem will surely delight many an Eng. Sci. FOX Dec. 18 - 23:00 EST

**Dis da'Chief of the (non-existent) BFC.** I have hijacked this article because I wanted to recommend a holiday special to you all. The episode of Seinfeld where George celebrates Festivus instead of Christmas by raising a pole in his house is very inspiring. In fact, I believe that we will have a Festivus celebration of our own here at the Bakery, thanks to the engineers at Queens. But I recommend you watch it. And remember: WE ARE WATCHING.

**Christmas Sing-Along Death Match:** Anne Murray vs. Rita MacNeil This year's release of Christmas Sing-Along Death Match features two of Canada's most acclaimed singer/songwriters. Anne Murray and Rita MacNeil, both canucks from the East coast, will face each other in a to-the-death sing-along with underprivileged children. Rita has been the champion for the last two years, replacing John Denver as the champion. Rita has been perfecting her 'rolling belly' finishing move. Will she beat Murray, the upbeat children's crooner, and take the crown for a third time? Tune in to find out. CBC Dec. 22 - 17:00 EST

### A Traditional Christmas with Eminem

Everyone should tune into this fun-filled hour with everyone's favourite rapper. Eminem, under fire of late for not selling enough hate-mongering records, is making his attempt to reach an even younger demographic. Eminem has promised to make this evening "f\*\*king fun for all" through a happy mixture of content for adults and children. This is a true family special where parents can learn valuable lessons on how not to raise children, and the little ones can learn valuable lessons in fake wife killing, pistol-whipping, and general bigotry. As an added extra, Eminem will share his secret "how to twist the media around your pinkie finger" recipe. CMT Dec. 6 - 17:00 EST

**The Muppets and Carlos Santana Supernatural Christmas Special** Every child's favourite comedy troupe of stuffed socks will be hosting their traditional Christmas special. The sometimes adult-themed show will be full of the familiar antics of Gonzo, Kermit et al. As is the norm, the show will feature a mystery guest



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# You can't make this crap up!

## Germans seeking airport toilet end up in Moscow

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - Two drunken Germans, apparently looking for a toilet during a conference at Frankfurt airport, got on a plane by mistake and flew to Moscow.

The 20-year-old men were wandering round the airport when they found themselves on the tarmac and boarded a shuttle bus which drove to a Lufthansa plane bound for the Russian capital.

"They got in and sat in the back of the aeroplane which then flew to Moscow," said Frankfurt state prosecutor Job Tilmann.

"They weren't even at the airport to fly anywhere. They were at a conference and had been walking around, evidently in a drunken stupor," he told Reuters on Wednesday.

On arrival in Moscow, they

submitted by Don



## Elderly male drives car into subway station

Spadina Street car service was shutdown for nearly two hours at around 8pm last Thursday. Toronto Fire crews responded to the report of a fire in the Spadina subway station as smoke filled the subway platform and bellowed from the street car entrance above. Upon arriving, fire crews discovered

the source of the smoke was originating from burning rubber from a Ford Taurus station wagon that had driven down the street car tunnel, despite the huge sign reading "No Rubber Tired Vehicles Allowed." When the elderly male realized this



The unfortunate driver getting his ticket

was not the drive through metropass kiosk, he attempted to turn his vehicle around. Lodged in the tunnel, his bumper caught on the elevated street car rails. Not realizing this, he stepped on [the] accelerator, burning out his tires [and] filling the tunnel with smoke.

It took crews nearly two hours to extract his vehicle from the tunnel. No injuries were reported. Officials are still investigating whether there is any connection with this incident and the disgruntled passenger phone calls the TTC has been receiving lately.

submitted by Lammy

## Blue and Gold Drink contest winner

The winner of the contest to create a drink we can be proud to call a Blue and Gold is Dan Siegal. The winning drink is a shooter, a mixture of Blue Curacao and Goldschlager. "They don't layer," Siegal said, "but they make this cool holographic effect."

The drink is now available as a standard shooter at Suds. Siegal's entry won a narrow victory over another mixed drink, beer and beer.

*This stuff, however, you can*

## One Eng Sci found at Dinner Dance

On November the 11th the Engineering Science Division planned and executed a dinner dance at the Colony Hotel. When the Toke Oike Investigative Team (TIT) heard about Eng Scis socializing, we had to go to witness this rare occurrence.

When the team reached the hotel, what was found was spectacular. While the place was well decorated, there was only one person there! When the team questioned this lone eng-sci, he had this to say. "I got here with all my books and thought that this was going to be a big extra help session. All the posters saying things like 'Enchantment Under the C + +' and 'FETA cheese' confused me. Besides, what would you think if you heard about students from every year and faculty coming together for an evening?" Content with that answer, the team made use of the bar, and then left.

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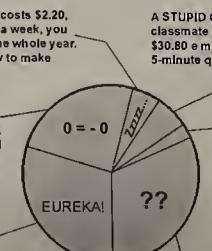
Ever wonder where all those high tuition dollars go? Well you're in luck, because the Toke Oike Analysis and Statistics Team (T.O.A.S.T.) has gone ahead and done the math for you.

The following figures are all based on a complicated algorithm which considers the following factors: An OT4's average tuition, the average amount of time spent in class per week, and Factor of Safety 2.0...

A 20 MINUTE NAP in class costs \$2.20, assuming you nap 3 times a week, you will spend nearly \$198 in the whole year. Might as well bring a pillow to make it worthwhile.

PROVING that 0 does in fact equal -0 costs a whopping \$300. In a smaller class of 120, that still costs everyone \$360. That's half an hour of your life and \$3 you'll never see again.

OCCASIONALLY something good shall come of your time in class. Cross your fingers and hope that Kool-Aid Man creates your lecture, or maybe, just maybe, you'll understand delta-pallion... who knows?



A STUPID QUESTION asked by your classmate costs the entire class up to \$30.80 a minute, that's over \$150 for a 5-minute question. FLUSHHHHH!

FAILING A QUIZ costs \$13.20, spending two hours on one that will never be counted in your mark costs the same.

ATTENDING A LECTURE you don't understand costs you \$6.60. Assuming you just don't get it 1.5 times a week, you've just spent \$297. Now hold on a second, if an entire class of 240 students fires a blank, then that's \$71,280 down the drain.

Where does all your herd work and studying go? All that time you were hunched over the desk crunching numbers and racking your brains? (hope that's all you were racking.) Unfortunately you don't pay for it... it's "worthless" in the big picture. So go to class, because that's where your money goes.

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Good luck to everyone on your exams! And remember: we may not get 2 whole weeks off, but we'll always have Godiva Week.